REMARKS

In light of the examiner's comments and objections, we have modified claim 6 to include the specific of claim 14 which was allowable and we left dependent claims 7-9 as last written, because they should be allowable based on amended claim 6(+14). We also modified 12 to stand alone by incorporating claim 6 language directly into it and with the three dependent claims (new) 15-17. Discussions follow

35 U.S.C. 103(a) REJECTIONS:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McDaniel in combination with Dabby. Claims 2, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McDaniel in combination with Dabby, and further in combination with Mori. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McDaniel in combination with Dabby and Prescott. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McDaniel in combination with Dabby and further in combination with Sullivan.

The amended claim set of claims 6-9 and 12, 15-17 should all be allowable as claim 14 giving rise to amended claim 14 was specifically identified as allowable; and claim 12 on a similar application, was not identified as being rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as were the other claims.

With these changes and remarks it is believed that the disclosure is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited. Thank you.

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